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For : DDS COMPOUND AND METHOD FOR MEASUREMENT THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the instant application and calculation of filing fees, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows with a marked up copy of the claims being attached to this amendment:

4. (Amended - Clean Copy) The DDS compound according to claim 1, wherein the carboxy(C₁₋₄) alkyl dextran polyalcohol modified with a saccharide compound is formed by binding a saccharide compound and a carboxy(C₁₋₄) alkyl dextran polyalcohol by means of a linker.

8. (Amended - Clean Copy) The DDS compound according to claim 6, which is obtainable by binding the residue of drug compound to the carboxy(C₁₋₄) alkyl dextran polyalcohol which is produced by binding the saccharide compound or a linker bound with the saccharide compound to a part of carboxyl groups of the carboxy(C₁₋₄) alkyl moiety of the carboxy